(d) if so, the decision taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) The latest status report on financial aspect of DTC for the year 1995-96 is given hereunder:—

	(Rs.in crs.)
1. Total Income	140.67
2. Working Exp.	234.87
3. Working loss (1-2)	94.20
4. Depreciation & Interest on Govt, loan	294.75
5. Prior Period adj. (+)	3.34
6. Total Expenditure (2+4+5)	532.96
7. Net Loss (6-1)	392.29

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The decision is yet to be taken.

Atrocities on Harijans and Backward Classes in Uttar Pradesh

1702. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of atrocities committed on Harijans and Backward Classes in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the action Government have taken thereon; and

(c) the number of persons arrested/ prosecuted and the nature of action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sinking of Water-Level

1703. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States where water-level is sinking every year and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the water-level in Punjab is also going down; if so, to what extent; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the water-level in these States especially in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) As per long term observations, decline in the levels of ground water of more than 4 metres has been observed in certain pockets in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The decline in the ground water level in some parts of the country is attributable to several natural and human factors like heavy withdrawals, exceeding replenishment, excessive run off and variation in rainfall etc.

(b) In Punjab, decline of 4 to 5 metres in the levels of ground water has been observed in parts of districts of Amritsar, Firozpur, Jallandhar, Ludhiana, Patiala, Roper and Sangrur.

(c) Certain measures like artificial recharge of ground water through instruction of check dams, percolation tanks as well as changes in cropping pattern are in vouge in various States including Punjab to improve ground water level.

Vacation of Kangla Fort, Imphal by Assam Rifles

1704. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 611 given in Rajya Sabha on 6th March, 1996 and state:

(a) whether a portion of the Assam Rifles Battalion has been moved out of the Kangla Fort by March 31, 1996 as has been assured by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for shifting of the remaining portion at the earliest?